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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO  
STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE CURRENT USE AND  
POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF SERVICES AT LEAHI HOSPITAL AND  
MALUHIA HOSPITAL, INCLUDING THE FEASIBILITY OF USING THE  
HOSPITALS AS CENTERS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH AND  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES FOR NON-FORENSIC  
PATIENTS.

1 WHEREAS, there is a pressing need for expanded community-  
2 based mental health and substance abuse treatment services in  
3 Hawaii and the only State facility for such services is the  
4 Hawaii State Hospital, which is at capacity and exclusively used  
5 to treat forensic patients; and

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7 WHEREAS, a significant contributing factor to high forensic  
8 utilization is due to individuals ordered to the Hawaii State  
9 Hospital for temporary hospitalization for lack of alternative  
10 treatment options; and

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12 WHEREAS, beds provided on contract by the private sector in  
13 Hawaii and on the mainland cost over thirteen million dollars  
14 per year; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Legislature has appropriated funds for the  
17 design and construction of a new secure forensic patient  
18 facility to be completed but there is no additional provision  
19 for beds and other services for patients who do not need the  
20 restrictive environment at Hawaii State Hospital; and

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22 WHEREAS, community capacity for mental health treatment is  
23 inadequate at outpatient, intermediate, and inpatient levels;  
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26 WHEREAS, public buildings constructed for the provision of  
27 health care, such as Leahi Hospital and Maluhia Hospital,



1 continue to serve as safety net facilities to meet existing and  
2 emergent community needs; and

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4 WHEREAS, Leahi Hospital and Maluhia Hospital have bed space  
5 and facilities appropriate for providing memory care, mental  
6 health, and substance abuse treatment services; and

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8 WHEREAS, Leahi Hospital is adjacent to Kapiolani Community  
9 College, which has a long history of health care training and  
10 would be well-positioned to serve as a teaching hospital to  
11 train behavioral health workers; now, therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
14 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of  
15 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Health is  
16 requested to convene a task force to study and make  
17 recommendations on the current use and possible expansion of  
18 services at Leahi Hospital and Maluhia Hospital, including the  
19 feasibility of using the hospitals as centers for community-  
20 based mental health and substance abuse treatment services for  
21 non-forensic patients who do not need the restrictive care  
22 necessary at the Hawaii State Hospital; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
25 include the following members or their designees:

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27 (1) The Director of Health;  
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29 (2) The Director of Human Services;  
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31 (3) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President  
32 of the Senate;  
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34 (4) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed  
35 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;  
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37 (5) The Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Health  
38 Systems Corporation, Oahu Region;  
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40 (6) Two member of the Oahu Regional Health System Board of  
41 Directors;  
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1 (7) A representative from the mental health and substance  
2 abuse provider community; and  
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4 (8) Additional members with relevant knowledge or  
5 experience, at the discretion of the chairperson; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health or the  
8 Director's designee shall serve as the chairperson of the task  
9 force; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an initial meeting be held no  
12 later than June 1, 2019; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force, with the  
15 assistance of the Department of Health, is requested to submit a  
16 report of its findings and recommendations, including any  
17 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty  
18 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be dissolved on  
21 June 30, 2020; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
25 Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court, Attorney General,  
26 Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Health Systems  
27 Corporation, Regional Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii  
28 Health Systems Corporation Oahu Region, Senate President, and  
29 Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
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